ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for interchanging and routing messages in a telecommunications system having at least one computer network and at least one switching-oriented network with at least one telecommunications terminal with a telephone number, which are connected to one another via a number of gateways which are set up for transmitting voice messages, with a gateway that is most cost-effective for voice transmission being associated with a name which is formed from parts of the telephone number which can be predetermined.